

## ORNAMENTALS

### CROTONS.

Fifteen cents each, \$1.50 per doz. The Crotons are among the finest decorative foliage plants known. They are natives of the South Sea Islands, but are now grown all over the world. They are as easy to grow as Colens and much brighter in their colorings. Crotons love heat, sunshine and moisture. They are fine for bedding, for house plants, for the window garden or for the piazza. I have the following sorts:

**AURORA MACULATA OR PUNCTUATISSIMA.**  
Long leaves, deep green, profusely spotted with bright yellow. This is a thrifty grower and fine bedder.

#### BARONESS ROTHSCHILD

Broad leaves of bright crimson, yellow and green markings. A very desirable variety, fine bedder.

#### NESTOR

Olive ground, pink mid-rib and green spots, one of the finest of all crotons. Fine bedder.

#### VRITCHII

Broad leaved; Green, Pink, Yellow and Crimson markings. One of the best.

#### GOLDEN

Medium broad leaves, deep green, mid-rib and center of leaf and sometimes stems golden yellow.

#### NOBILE

Leaves medium broad, wavy edge and sharp pointed, green marbled with cream, leaf stems pink.

A few large specimen plants at from \$1.00 to \$1.50 each.

**Ingumar.**—Lovely green leaves with bright yellow center.

**Picturatum.**—Long leaves of yellow, red and green. Fine for bedding.

**Spirale.**—Leaves twirled like a cork screw. Very pretty.

**Valutum.**—Green with yellow center, curled like a ram's horn.

#### FERNS.

Fifteen cents each. \$1.50 per dozen. Large specimen plants from \$1.50 to \$2.00 each.

#### LOMARIA-CILIATA.

A handsome dwarf species, from New Caledonia. Leaves are finely divided, the plant carries a fine head of foliage and is very decorative.

#### NEPHERALEPIS

The Sword Fern. One of the best known house ferns, growing under various conditions and with indifferent care they manage to thrive where other plants fail.

#### N. CORDATA COMPACTA.

Stocky and dwarf with fine dark green leaves.

#### N. DAVALLIOIDES PURCAUS.

The Staghorn Boston. A grand decorative Fern, with ends of leaflets curiously divided and crested. Hardy as the Boston Fern, forming immense elegant specimens.

#### N. PIERSONI

Piersons' Boston Fern, sometimes called the Tarrytown Fern, has each leaflets re-divided, so that the effect is remarkably lace like and charming, the leaves are quite broad and have a very rich appearance.

#### ASPARAGUS SPRENGERI

A most desirable species useful as a pot plant or hanging basket. The prongs are frequently five or six feet long in well grown specimens, of a rich shade of green, and most useful for cuttings, retaining their freshness for weeks after being cut, it makes an excellent house plant, as it withstands a dry atmosphere, and will succeed in almost any situation.

#### ASPARAGUS PLUMOSUS NANUS.

Climbing Lace Fern. This plant has taken the place to a great extent of Smilax in all fine decoration, it possesses the advantage of being much more graceful, its foliage being finer than the most delicate Fern, and will last for weeks after being cut, the whole plant is a bright, cheerful green, it succeeds well under almost any condition.

#### SMILAX

A charming "bamboo creeper" a handsome small vine, leaves glossy and used largely in florists decorative work.

### RUBBER, ARBORVITAE AND NORFOLK ISLAND PINE.

#### FICUS AUREA

Florida Native Rubber Tree or Wild Fig. Only known in Florida. A choice ornamental tree, large glossy leaves. Fruit small but very good. The tree is a rapid grower, a handsome decorative plant. 25 cents and 50 cents each.

#### FICUS ELASTICA

The True Rubber Tree. Large glossy leaves much larger than Faurea. The new growth is enveloped in a scarlet sheath, so that the end of each limb looks as if it were in bloom. One of the

finest ornamental plants we have. No trouble to grow. Will stand indifferent treatment. Prices 25 cents to \$2.00 owing to size.

**Ficus Elastica Variegata.**—This has lovely variegated foliage of white, yellow and green. Same as Ficus Elastica except that every leaf is beautifully marked. A rare and scarce plant. Strong plants, 60 cents to 1.00 each according to size.

#### THUGA, THE ARBORVITAE.

The Arborvitae is suitable for making hedges and can be grown on any land not very wet or very dry. They succeed well anywhere in Florida. Very fine for cemetery lots. For hedge set plants about two feet apart in well prepared land deeply dug up and well manured, the plant can be pruned in any shape desired. The ease with which they can be made of any form make very ornamental as single specimens on the lawn. They are perfectly hardy when once established.

**Thuga Occidentales.** American Arborvitae.—Makes a large bush or tree, very hardy, used for hedges, has a spreading habit, can be pruned into any shape.

**Thuga orientales.** Chinese Arborvitae.—Succeeds everywhere. More compact and of quicker growth than the preceding, best for hedges in the south. Grows cone shaped and is naturally symmetrical. Single specimens can be grown to a tree of twenty or twenty-five feet in good soil.

**Thuga pyramidalis.** Pyramidal Arborvitae. The natural growth of the plant without pruning is as its name implies, a Pyramid. Not so rapid growth as the preceding but a desirable sort.

**Thuga Siberica.** Siberian Arborvitae.—The foliage of this plant is very hard some. It is suitable for hedges or as a windbreak to protect more delicate plants. Dark green foliage, quick growth, a desirable variety.

One foot to one and a half 40c each 3.50 for ten. One and a half to two feet 50c each 5.50 for ten. Two to three feet 65c each 6.00 for ten.

#### ARAUCARIA EXCELSA,

Norfolk Island Pine. Largely grown for decorative purposes in the North and in Europe. Has a symmetrical growth of delicate fringed branches. Can be grown in South Florida out doors. It is a grand plant for a jardiniere. Fine plants in pots, \$1.25. Larger \$1.50.

#### GREVILLEA ROBUSTA

Australian Silk Oak. A splendid fern leaved tree, growing very large, Evergreen and well adapted for a shade tree in South Florida, about as hardy as an orange tree. It is also used largely as a pot plant. I can furnish all sizes of plants from 15 cents to \$1.00 each.

#### COLEUS.

A few good sorts ranging in all colors and variations of markings, 5c each, 50c per doz.

#### ACALYPHAS.

##### FOUR SUPERB ACALYPHAS.

For decorative purposes, both in the open ground in beds for edging, as well as for pot culture, these plants have responded in a marvelous manner to the special culture given them by professional growers. The four varieties offered below are about as distinct from each other as any plants we know of. You should by all means include some of these plants in your order, as with their wonderful color effects and decorative value they will give you as much satisfaction as any stock offered in this list. Price, small plants, 15c.

**A. Triumphans.**—A wonderfully strong grower, attaining any height desired up to 2 feet. Makes a compact plant of splendid dimensions, has large foliage, about 2x4 inches, very heavy and of grand substance. The color is impossible of description. The predominant color is red, marbled, lighted and darker, streaked and dashed green, yellow, white and other colors, making it even more attractive than Crotons. Splendid for bedding, edges or single specimens.

**A. Sanderi.**—At the great exhibition held at Ghent, Belgium, to which the plantmen of Europe bring their finest novelties, this great variety won the grand prize. Strong and free growing, branches spread widely and throw out long, dazzling, crimson, fluffy spikes, 12 to 18 inches long, between the large, bright green leaves. Baffles description.

**A. Bicolor Compacta.**—Surpasses the finest Coleus or Rex Begonias in the beautiful coloring of its foliage. Bright green ground, margined with wide, regular band of lemon yellow, with white bars running lengthwise with the leaves, blotched with yellow, in fact defies accurate description. Splendid for bedding, surpassing Coleus, and will withstand the most intense sunshine. Very large foliage, measuring 8 inches long by 4 1/2 inches wide. Very compact, about 18 inches in height.

**A. Marginati.**—A beautiful variety that grows similar to Triumphans, but entirely different in color effects. The leaves combine almost every color, red, green, bronze and intermediate shades, some edged with white, others with reddish white, some with pure red—in fact, must be seen to appreciate its beauty. This variety has all the shades of Autumn coloring.

#### DRACENA AND CALADIUMS.

##### DRACENA.

**Dragon Tree.**—A large genus of ornamental-leaved plants, now extensively grown for decorative purposes. The richly colored leaves give a splendid tropical effect. Potted specimens could be sunk on the lawn or in the flower garden, and only removed to the house during a few frosty nights of December and January; or, planted in the open ground they would rarely need protection in South Florida. Very easily moved and transplanted. They are all very nice plants for house decoration, thriving in partial sunshine. They do not need quite so much heat as crotons.

**D. Terminalis.**—The standard old variety, with bronzy green leaves beautifully marked with pink, or carmine and white. Very effective decorative plant, and of easy growth. Have a grand stock of fine young plants at 10 cents to 50 cents each.

**D. Ferrea.**—Leaves a rich wine color, of the size and habit of Terminalis. One of the most striking colored foliage plants imaginable, and fine among green foliage, its color being in handsome contrast. 25 cents each.

**Caladium Esculentum, or Elephant's Ear.**—One of the most beautiful and startling ornamental foliage plants in cultivation, either for culture in large pots or tubs, or for planting out on the lawn. Will grow in any garden soil, and is of the easiest culture. When of full size it stands about five feet high, with immense leaves, often measuring four feet in length by two and one-half in breadth. Smooth, of bright green color, beautifully veined and variegated with dark green. The roots should be preserved in dry sand in the cellar during winter out of danger from frost.

**Blue Calladium.**—Same as above. Leaves are more pointed and of blue green color. Ribs and veins of leaves a different shade. Good bulbs 15c to 25c each.

**Caladium Bulbsum.**—Splendid ornamental foliage plants, dying down through the winter months; leaves marked with the brightest colors, red, green, yellow and sometimes a transparent white, all arrow-shaped. No other ornamental plant possesses more richness or delicacy in coloring. Prefers moist and half-shady locations. Has proved a grand house plant, enjoying the partial shade of rooms. Mixed bulbs, not named, 15c each, \$1.50 per doz. Growing bulbs in pots, 25c each.

##### SANSEVIERA ZEYLANICA.

**A New Decorative Plant of Great Beauty and Value.**—A beautiful plant splendidly adapted for the decoration of drawing rooms or halls, as it stands drouth and dust with impunity, and requires scarcely any water. Small plants 15c. Specimen plants 75c.

**Maranta Arundinacea.** E. S. Bermuda Arrowroot Plant.—It is easily cultivated along the Gulf coast, and there should be a good margin of profit in growing it extensively. It is a plant with broad leaves, growing about 2 feet high. 10c each, \$1 per doz.

#### BAMBOO AND GRASSES.

**Bambusa Vulgaris.**—The Common Bamboo of India, and probably naturalized, although it may be indigenous to the West Indies, particularly Jamaica. It is of quick growth, and reaches a height of 70 feet in six or seven years here, but can not stand very low temperature. Strong plants, 50c each, \$5 per dozen.

**B. Verticillata.**—A handsome species, standing much cold, with yellow striped stems and medium-sized leaves, forming a splendid clump, like the habit of B. argentea. It is a grand variety; and can be grown anywhere along the Gulf coast; It is especially useful for forming windbreaks, but will not do well on too dry or thirsty soil. We have a fine stock Strong-rooted canes, 15c each, \$1.50 per doz; clumps, 35c to 75c each.

**Andropogon Citratus.**—The Lemon Grass of India. Yields an essential oil called citronella. Very handsome tropical grass, growing in fine clumps 5 or 6 feet high, and effective for borders or as single lawn specimens. 10c each, \$1 per doz; large clumps, 25c each.

**Gynerium Argenteum.**—Silver Pampas Grass. This is the famous grass, having the beautiful plumes so largely used for decorations. The form of the clump resembles a fountain of water, the leaves curling over and reaching the ground. Very hardy. Strong clumps, 25c each, 22.50 per doz. Immense clumps, 50c each, \$5 per doz.

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